

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

ORDER

Due to the disruption of the legal system occurring as a result of Hurricane Katrina, there is a need for a special master to assist attorneys in their communication and coordination with the federal courts. The Louisiana State Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association, agree that this need exists and concur in the appointment of a special master to handle these duties. Accordingly,

IT IS ORDERED that Gary Zwaim be and is hereby appointed Special Master to assist attorneys with communication and coordination with the court. This appointment will be for the period of four (4) months from the date of the signing of this order and may be extended by further order of this court. Compensation for the Special Master will be a matter to be agreed to between the special master and the Louisiana State Bar Association and the Federal Bar Association.

As a result of hurricane Katrina many defendants in federal criminal actions have been displaced making it difficult for the justice system to properly function. As a part of his duties, the Special Master may assist in the reconstruction of any lost and/or destroyed files in cases where counsel has been appointed pursuant to **18 U.S.C. 3006A**. The Special Master may also assist in collecting information regarding the location, address, and/or contact information regarding the location, address, and/or contact information of displaced clients attempting to contact their lawyers and communicate that information to the affected lawyers and/or the Federal Public Defenders Office. Such assistance shall be limited to the collection of information provided by the clients and/or attorneys and the dissemination of such information to the appropriate persons. Providing

this type assistance does not impose upon the Special Master any affirmative duty to take action such as hiring investigators or posting public advertisements, in his efforts to locate lawyers or clients. Accordingly,

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Special Master be authorized to assist in the reconstruction of any lost and/or destroyed files in cases where counsel has been appointed pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 3006A.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Special Master be authorized to assist in collecting information regarding the location, address, and/or contact information of displaced clients attempting to contact their lawyers and communicate that information to the affected lawyers and/or the Federal Public Defenders Office.

Lafayette, Louisiana, this 28th day of September, 2005.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl J. Barbier', is written over the printed name and title.

CARL J. BARBIER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA